

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2937 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Department of Education to conduct a study to determine which of the California Standards Tests (CSTs) are equivalent to the English language arts or math portions of the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) and the performance levels that are equivalent to passing scores on its two corresponding parts.

The CAHSEE has withstood every kind of scrutiny possible. A long-running external evaluation of CAHSEE has determined that it tests what it was designed to test, that it is unbiased, and that it is reliable. Given that the CAHSEE has only been a condition of high school graduation for one year, it is premature to even consider potential changes to existing state policy.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger